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Disney pulls the plug...

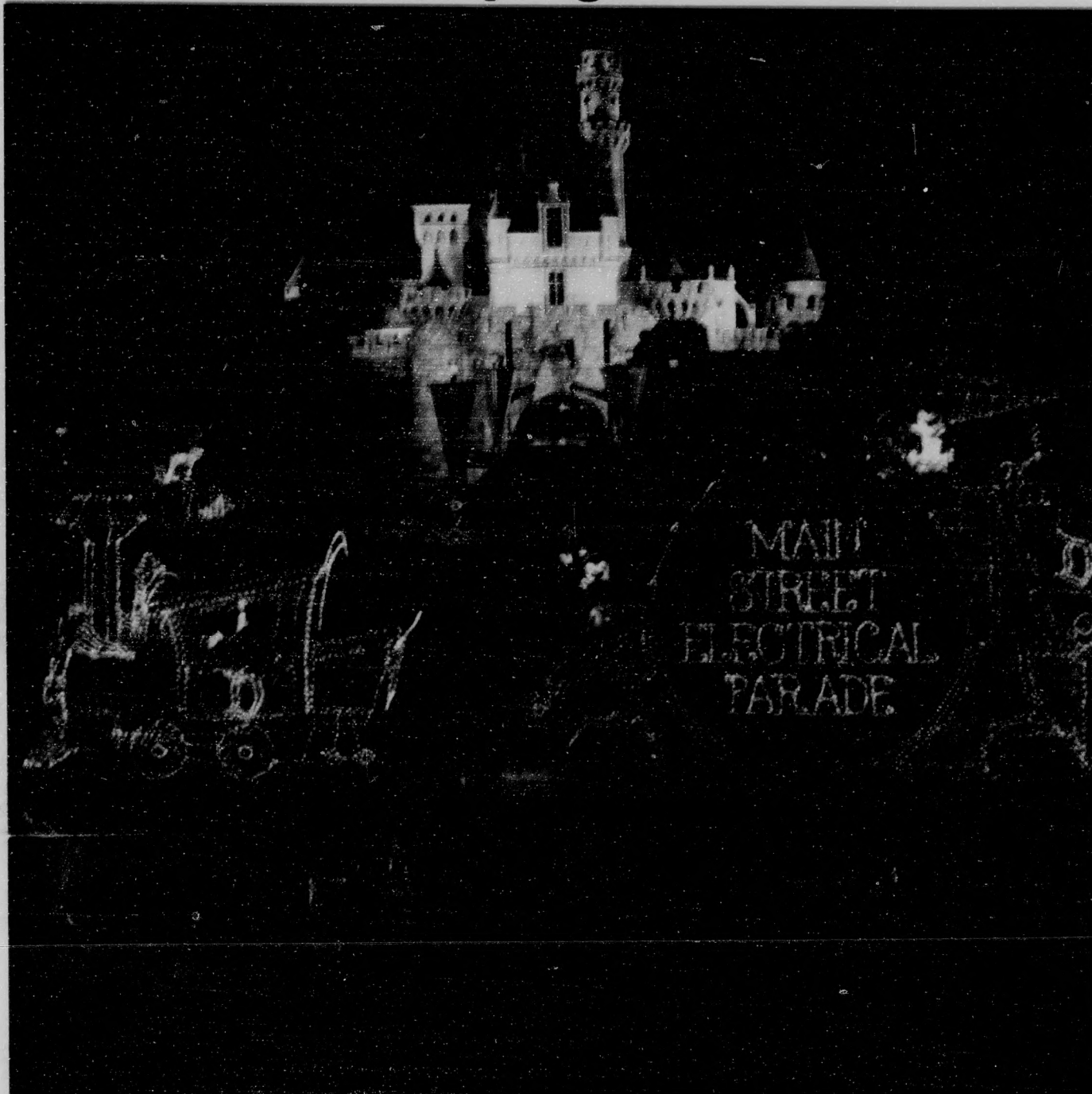


Photo courtesy of The Walt Disney Company
Disneyland's Main Street Electrical Parade is scheduled to end on Oct. 15, after 24 years of entertaining children of all ages. Disney plans to sell the light bulbs for \$10 apiece to benefit children's charities.

Parties scramble for higher education

Both parties fight for the right to be called "the education party"

By Jennifer Tingler
el Don Staff Writer

WASHINGTON - In an effort to avoid another government shut down, the Senate passed legislation on Monday that increased student aid and student loans by \$3.3 billion for the 1997 fiscal year.

The \$41.6 billion appropriations bill surpassed the President's 1997 fiscal year request for a financial aid increase by \$200 million.

Funding for Pell Grants increased from \$4.9 billion to \$5.9 billion in the new fiscal year which began on Oct. 1. The maximum grant is now \$2,700, a \$230 increase, which makes this the highest level ever provided and the largest single year increase.

Federal Pell Grants are given to undergraduates who demonstrate need. It is a federally funded program for U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens.

Other financial aid programs received significant funding increases when the bill passed:

♦ The Federal Work Study program received \$830 million which is a \$213.4 million increase and \$151 million more than what the President had requested. Students in the work study program receive allocated funds to be earned through part-time employment

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AT ISSUE

It's
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Making
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So you've decided to do something to better your life. Enrolling in college was a great first step. Now you're trying to choose a college major or a career. The RSC career guidance center can help.

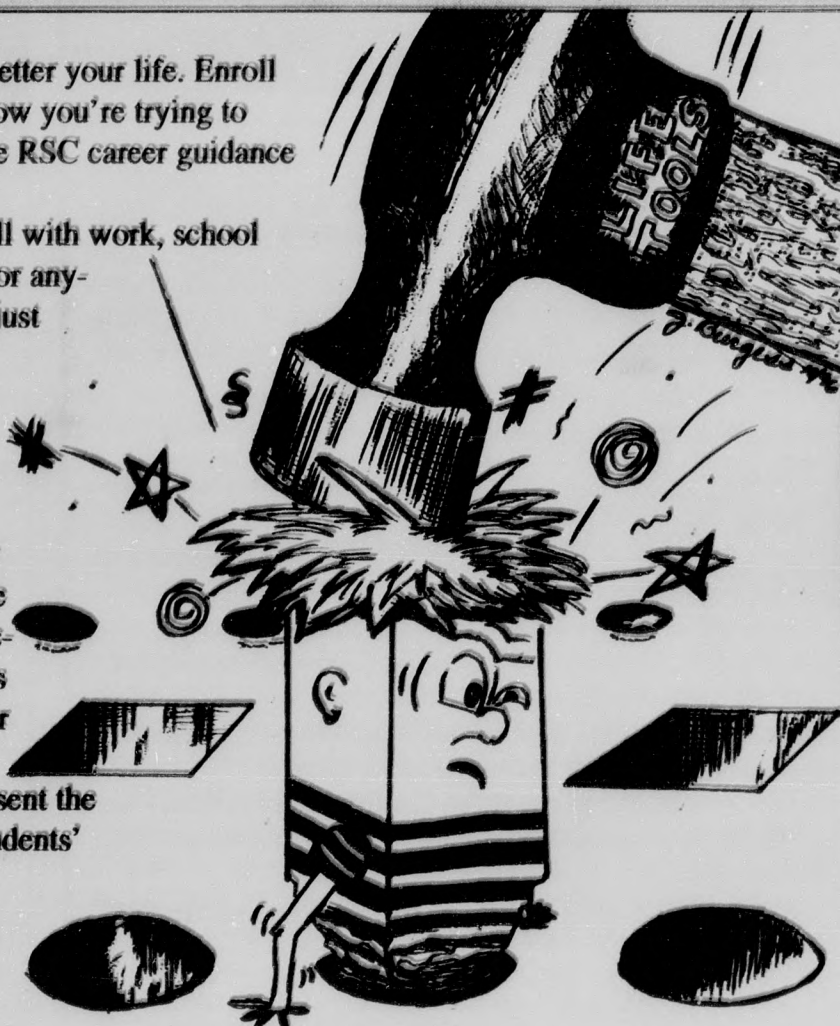
You might think, you've got your hands full with work, school and a family and don't have time or energy for anything extra ... Think again. Whether you are just beginning to consider career options or are contemplating a career change, finding out what is available, and utilizing it, will help focus your educational and career goals. There is help.

Yolanda Mugica, an award winning Career Guidance Counselor at the center is available and more than willing to help you. Her objective is to present information to help students to better understand what is required for their career goals and the steps they need to take. She emphasizes that it is "how you present the information" that makes the difference in students' understanding.

Resources and tools are available for all stages of career planning. The center is offering free career development workshops

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By Kendall
Weatherman
el Don Staff Writer



NEWS BRIEFS

□ NATION

ABORTION PILL WINS CONDITIONAL FDA APPROVAL

The abortion pill, or RU-486, has won conditional approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and soon may be widely available to American women, according to the New York-based Population Council.

RU-486, which causes abortion by inducing uterine contractions, gives women an alternative to surgical abortion during the first seven-weeks of pregnancy.

The FDA was willing to grant conditional approval pending further work on labeling and manufacturing of the drug, already available to women in Europe, the group said.

"We are sure we will be able to provide the FDA the outstanding information necessary for approval," the Population Council said.

The FDA deemed the abortion pill to be safe and effective upon review of clinical tests involving 2,480 French women and more than 2,000 American women.

The decision is expected to further heat the abortion debate. Anti-abortion groups had campaigned hard against the drug, arguing that no drug that destroys a fetus could be considered safe.

□ LOCAL

A FESTIVAL OF FUN

Plan to attend the 14th annual Korean Chamber of Commerce of Orange County Festival during the weekend of Oct. 11 - 13 in Garden Grove.

RSC is a patron sponsor of the event and would like interested employees to help run the school's booth. For further information about helping on Saturday or Sunday, please call Dale Ruhe at ext. 6475.

□ CAMPUS

TRANSFER CENTER WORKSHOPS

Students who are planning to transfer to California State University or University of California in the fall of 1997, should consider attending one of the transfer application workshops offered at RSC through out October and November.

Space is limited and students should reserve space by calling the Santa Ana Campus Transfer Center at 564-6165 or the Orange Campus Transfer Center at 564-4165.

Representatives from local universities will be available, by appointment only, for counseling at the Santa Ana campus this month:

- ▼ CSU, Long Beach Oct. 7 and 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- ▼ UC, Los Angeles--Oct 7 and 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▼ UC, Irvine--Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ▼ Chapman University--Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- ▼ University of Southern California, School of Business--Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY

Free depression screening will be offered at the Santa Ana campus Health Center on Thursday, Oct. 9. No appointment is necessary, just walk-in between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

□ CAMPUS

PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

If you are one of Rancho's 15,000 continuing education students and are interested in taking the next step towards a college degree you should attend the Education and Career Fair. Formerly the Vocational College Fair, students get to meet instructors, administrators and staff while finding information about credit departments, programs and services related to the students' interests.

The event takes place at the Centennial Education Center in Santa Ana Tues. Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon and 5 to 8 p.m.

A second day of the fair takes place at the Orange Adult Learning Center Wed. Oct. 16 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Compiled by el Don news staff



Armando Mugica / el Don

Anise Pham, one of RSC's international students left Vietnam with her family in 1979.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

From Vietnam to Rancho Santiago via Singapore and Norway

By Betty Shattuck
el Don Staff Writer

Anise Pham, an RSC international student, is not unfamiliar with adventure.

In 1979, she and her family spent three terrifying days on the South China Sea while escaping from Vietnam. Thu Ha "Anise" Pham was only four years old.

For these three days, her family, including Mrs. Pham who was pregnant, drifted to an unknown destination in the family fishing boat until a Norwegian merchant ship picked them up near Singapore.

Because they had no sponsor in the United States and since no other country would accept refugees, Norway was their only hope.

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PHAM: 'I was shocked with the cost of a college education here'

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The Norwegian government helped Anise's family settle in Kristiansand, 150 miles southwest of Oslo. Her home is now situated at the mouth of the Otra River on the Skagerrak, an arm of the North Sea.

More than 15 years later, Anise is tackling another adventure ... the learning experience. She is now one of Rancho's international students. She lives in Orange with her maternal grandparents who immigrated to the United States in 1984. Her par-

ents sent her to this country to attend college, broaden her experiences and to improve her English.

"I like Orange County but was overwhelmed at first with all the cars and multi-cultural people everywhere. Most people take the bus or train in Kristiansand," Anise said. She was shocked with the cost of a college education here since all education in Norway, including the university, is free."

Anise said she was surprised when she saw so many "beggars

and homeless people on the streets. Poverty is not a large problem in Norway because the social security program provides everyone with a retirement pension."

While Anise lived in Norway, she said she enjoyed "writing to pen pals, hiking, nature walks, knitting, ceramics and handcrafts." For entertainment, she said she listens to Swedish and Norwegian pop and attends American and European movies. "I don't like country music or heavy rock," Anise said.

In Norway Anise studied to be

a pre-school teacher. She is now "thinking of becoming an environmental science major," influenced by the apathetic attitudes of people here regarding litter. "I had a hard time breathing for the first two weeks."

Anise has made some good friends at RSC and, because of her busy social and school life, she has not experienced loneliness or home sickness yet. But with the approaching holidays, that may change. Norway has fewer holidays than the United States, but the main ones are

much the same. "Christmas is spent with friends and family exchanging gifts and feasting on the traditional dinner of ribs, sausages and fish. Although Anise's family prefers turkey."

Graduation from high school in Norway is a month-long celebration with no formal ceremony.

The graduates do many wild and crazy things, Anise said. "Some even run through the streets naked."

Anise plans to stay here for two years and then return to Norway to work or continue her education.

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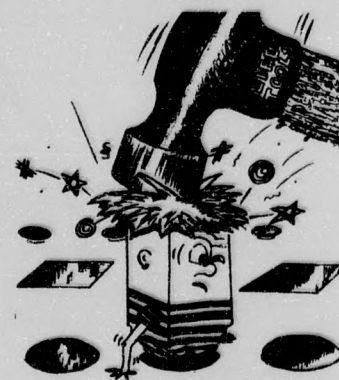
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Wednesday during the Fall Semester for those undecided about their educational and career goals. They will teach you how to access your interests and match them to occupations, explore the work world and identify jobs of the future. They also offer personal assistance by appointment for workshop participants.

The resource library includes labor market research information to inform you about changes occurring in your chosen field. If you are in a career transition, visit the center for information on related occupations.

To keep on top of changes, the center has recently added Internet access with addresses for Career Path, a computerized classified employment section, the Monster Board and other computer software.

"I want students to be leaders," said Mugica, indicating that in order to be leaders, we need to keep abreast of these technological changes. "Everyone is going to be effected, you will make either a career change on your own, or you may be forced to change your career because of the changes in technology," Mugica said



**"Without education
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informed decisions.
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'unemployment.'"**

Anyone in the community can utilize the center, not just college students. Last year 12,000 students came through the center. Some people might not have a problem dealing with career goals, there is still a lot that can be learned.

The administration building might seem intimidating to some, especially if you are unsure about yourself and your direction. It is not. In comparison to career centers at UC schools, this one is more "user-friendly."

Mugica also cited a shift in responsibility for career choices. In

the past, someone else, like a career counselor, took care of the student's career path. Today students are taking more responsibility for themselves.

"Students are hungry for information," Mugica said. "Without education you can't make informed decisions. That's when we fall victims of the term 'unemployment.'"

Bottom line. Don't bother paying a career consultant a couple of hundred dollars for testing, a couple more for counseling, a couple more for networking, etc. Visit other local community colleges to see what they have to offer. Don't be intimidated.

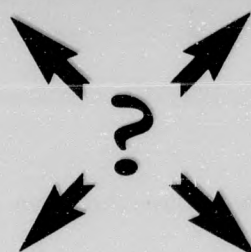
Remember you pay taxes and tuition for these services. The career centers are accessible and free of charge to all community members.

For more information, visit Career and Life Planning Center at the Santa Ana campus or call Yolanda at 564-6113.

If you are even more uncertain about your direction, the Assessment and Testing Center offers a battery of assessment tests for \$50 related to careers.

For more information, call Kathy Green at the Santa Ana Work Center at 565-2630.

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with an approved employer. The hourly wage depends upon the job performed.

◆ Increases in the TRIO program, which serves economically-disadvantaged and minority students, were \$37 million for a total of \$500 million.

◆ For the Federal Perkins Loans capital fund, the appropriations bill allocated \$158 million, adding to the \$6 billion currently revolving in the fund. This program provides long-term low-interest loans (at 5%) for students who demonstrate financial need.

◆ The State Student Incentive Grant program received \$50 million, an \$18 million increase over last year.

◆ Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant program maintained the 1996 fiscal year level of \$583 million. FSEOG is a federally funded non-repayable grant that is available to undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need. However, priority in awarding FSEOG funds must be given to Pell Grant recipients.

A similar dispute on education last year resulted in two partial shutdowns of the Department of Education and other federal agencies. But lawmakers avoided another shutdown through a last minute compromise.

On Sept. 17, Senate Democrats attempted to introduce an amendment to the Interior Bill, which would have boosted education spending by an extra \$3.1 billion. Senate Republicans quickly countered the amendment with a proposal to increase education spending by \$2.3 billion.

"We can either get our brains beat out politically, or we can get in there and mix it up with them, and that's what we're going to do," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said in introducing the Republican proposal.

In pulling the amendment, Lott noted that education spending is usually included in the Labor Department spending bill that is yet to hit the Senate floor.

"They [Democrats] were trying to make the point that they were 'the

education party' and Republicans weren't," said Susan Irby, Lott's press secretary. She stressed that education is also a GOP priority but "we don't necessarily agree on the spending."

But the fact that both parties offered proposals indicated that a shutdown would be avoided as the Senate scurried to finish work on the spending bills needed to fund the federal government in the fiscal year that started Oct. 1.

"For working and middle-income families sending their children to college, the Pell Grants and college work-study programs remain seriously underfunded," said Secretary of Education, Richard Riley shortly after the Senate action.

Also proposed by the House was a cutback in the direct lending program, in which the government provides capital directly to colleges and universities, cutting banks out of the process. The program has been under much fire by Republicans, who blame poor management on the part of the Education Department for high student loan default rates.

Sound Bites

HOT SALSA!

The San Juan Capistrano Multicultural Arts Series presents Orquesta MC #1, Saturday. Havana-born composer and musical director Orlando Lopez has been importing the roots and rhythms of his native Cuba to life here in the Southwest since 1967.

Orquesta MC #1 — the MC stands for Maza Cote — is the vehicle; a large, colorful and dynamic group of salsa musicians hailing from Cuba and Puerto Rico. "People attending but not dancing will be closely monitored!" Orlando warns. Show times are 7 and 9 p.m., tickets are \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and under. Call the concert hotline: (714) 248-7469.

EVERYBODY SAMBA!

The sensuous sounds of Brazilian music take center stage Sunday, Oct. 6, when the Fullerton Museum Center presents renowned Brazilian musician and songwriter Kleber Jorge in concert.

Jorge, accompanied by his quartet Brazilliant, will present two concerts in the museum auditorium on the 6th: the first at 7:30 p.m., and the second at 9:30.

Tickets to the Jorge concert are \$10 for members of the Fullerton Museum Center and \$12 for the general public. Reservations and further information may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545.

Munchies

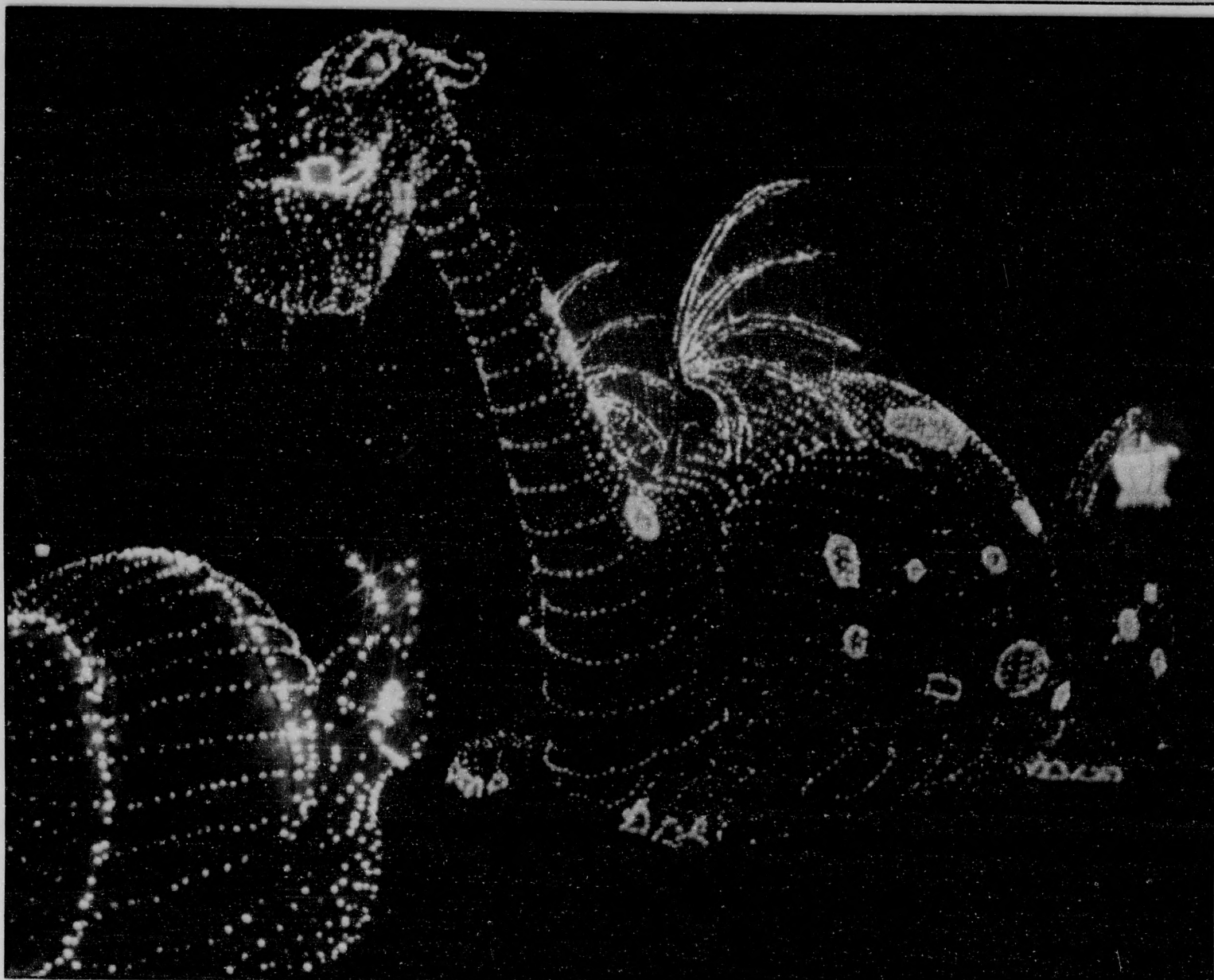
PAR FOR THE COURSE

If you love to wine, dine, and play golf, you'll love Best of Friends Cafe. Located in a small secluded country-club called Ridgeline in Orange Park Acres in the city of Orange, the cafe accommodates the golfer's appetite; and you need not be a member to golf or enjoy the fine food.

From breakfast to lunch, the food is delicious. Breakfast croissants are only \$3.95 and an express lunch with your choice of sandwich, drink and a cookie is only \$5.95. And for a cool break after a long, hard day on the greens, they carry an adequate choice of brewskies, from Corona to good 'ol Samuel Adams. For the kids, there's a snack bar full of candies with intriguing names like Raven's Revenge, Airheads, Warheads and huge cookies are baked daily.

Best of Friends cafe also includes a Victorian tea room and banquet facilities.

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Photos courtesy of The Walt Disney Company

After 24-years and nearly 3,600 performances for over 75 million guests, the happiest place on earth ends the parade. In the Spring, Disney's "Light Magic" debuts with a mix of fiberoptic lights and projection floats.

THE PARTY'S OVER

Disneyland's Main Street Electrical Parade flickers out after nearly a quarter century

By Theresa Hudzinski
el Don Staff Writer

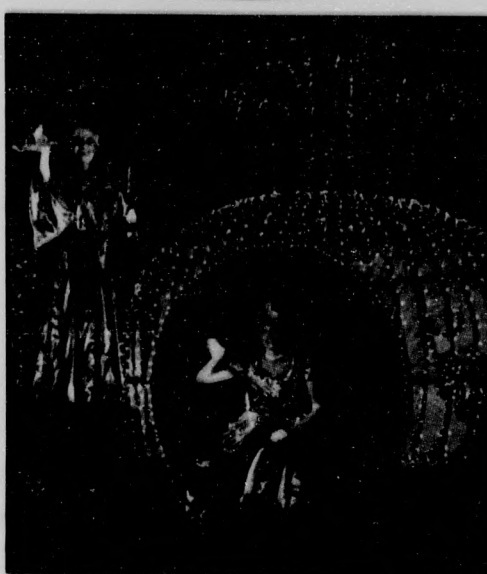
The music will forever play in our memories, that snappy upbeat synthesized "Baroque Hoedown." Few will ever forget the music that comes with Main Street Electrical Parade, and how could we? It's the type of tune that just stays there all day, making cast members cringe and guests of the Magic Kingdom giggle with delight.

Every Saturday for the past month, about 80,000 people swarmed to Disneyland, forcing the "Happiest Place on Earth" to close its doors and turn people away in the final season of the Main Street Electrical Parade.

Disneyland is enjoying record attendance. Its cast members work 50-80 hour weeks as the park prepares to say good-bye to one of its much loved classics. On Oct. 15, at 10:45 pm, the lights will dim for one last time, as another icon of youth goes the way of the "People Mover," and the "Skyway" to make room for a more modern type of entertainment. The Main Street Electrical Parade will make one final journey through the Magic Kingdom after 24-years of delighting people of all ages.

"The longevity and success of The Main Street Electrical Parade has provided us with the opportunity to create a new nighttime spectacular to take Disneyland into the new millennium," said Mike Davis, Disneyland vice president of entertainment.

Many Orange County residents have



Cinderella waves a long goodbye as a Disney tradition fades away

grown up with the lights shimmering and the synthesized music forever playing in their memories. More than 75 million have witnessed close to 3,600 performances of the onetime innovative idea of new uses for Christmas tree lights.

Floats of "It's a Small World," "Briny Deep," and a "Birthday Cake" have long since retired, being replaced with more three-dimensional floats powered by 680 batteries and over half-a-million light bulbs.

The parade's opening in 1972 went about as smoothly as the park's opening back in 1955.

The parade was a disaster with canopies

and horses falling down. The floats weren't much better, with lights dimming halfway through and bumping into buildings on Main Street. Yet, as the park turned itself around, so did the parade.

The parade averages 180 performances per year; includes more than 100 performers nightly; is a quarter-mile long and lasts about 30 minutes.

Unfortunately, the demands of high attendance has taken its toll on cast members who would normally be enjoying a slower season at Disneyland.

But don't expect the park to slow down any time in the next few weeks. Use the opportunity to enjoy the more popular attractions while everyone is at the parade. If you don't want to feel like a cow in a herd stay away from the parade areas immediately following the parade.

The holiday season is quickly approaching and in the Spring, Disney's "Light Magic" debuts. "Light Magic" will be a mix of fiberoptic lights and projection floats, with more than 100 performers involving the audience in part of the magic.

After the last performance, each bulb will be sold at a cost of \$10, and all proceeds will go to children's charities.

There will never be a repeat performance. One float will go to the Smithsonian for display and all others will be disassembled. The lights may dim, but there will always be that song.

'Skin Of Our Teeth' still has bites of brilliance

By Jim Learue
el Don Staff Writer

The ice age is moving in and has already covered New Jersey. The dinosaurs are cold, and "the dogs are sticking to the sidewalk." And that's just the first five minutes of Thornton Wilders' "The Skin of Our Teeth."

Directed by Barbara Covington, the play revolves around the Antrobus family, "A family that — in a way — represents all humankind," Covington said.

As the play opens, the family is simply trying to keep warm as father Antrobus strives to invent the alphabet and multiplication tables and the family dinosaurs frolic on the lawn.

The family's maid, Sabina, serves as the narrator and occasionally gets so fed up with the play that she lets the audience know exactly how she feels about it.

Sabina's breaking of "the fourth wall" not only helps the audience along with understanding the play, — which mixes several time periods, biblical and historical situations and character — but helps to ease the tensions of cast and audience alike.



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From left, Ethan Rogers, Yolanda Orozco, Eryca Leevan, Kim Kiedrowski, and Lalena Vigil, capture the flavor of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning play.

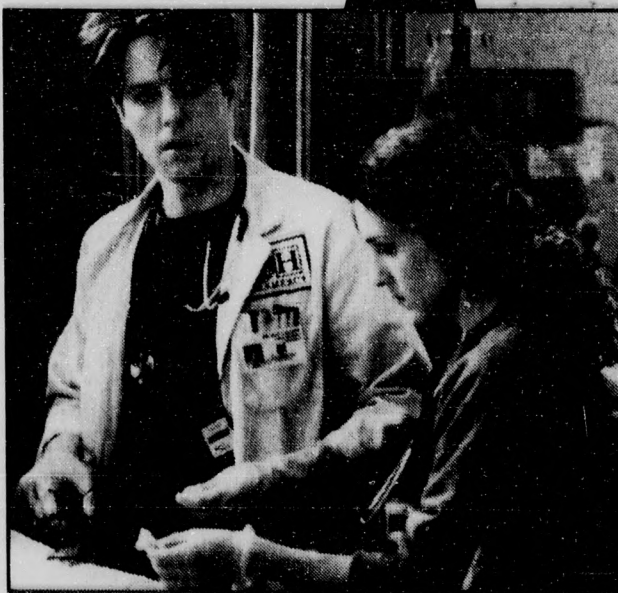
Written in 1941 with World War II firmly in Wilder's mind, the play is calculated to evoke strong emotions; Wilder's idea was to encourage the troubled public of 1942 to aspire to hope for the future. Its theme: no matter how hard pressed or frightened — the human race has the will to go on and the power to survive in a world where physical

nature and its own internal conflicts pose endless threats. And yet the play is broad and light enough to appeal to fans of comedy as well as tragedy.

Stage manager Anthony Lazalde designed the sets which are basic and functional, and with the strength of the writing almost extraneous. In this play, the words are everything.

Opens Friday, Oct. 4 in Phillips Hall Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. Oct. 4- 6 and 10-13, with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$8; students, staff and senior citizens \$6. A special half-price preview will be performed Thurs. Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. For reservations call the RSC Box Office at (714) 564-5661.

The Buzz In O.C.



WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD

"Bridge to Angel Island" with Ballet Pacifica is a poignant tale of a Chinese immigrant family who came to Angel Island in 1930. Learn of their frustration, heartbreak, and triumph.

Preceding the ballet a mini-concert with nationally known composer-musicians.

This will be a special one-day-only performance Wednesday, Oct. 16, 11a.m - 12:30 p.m. at the Phillips Hall Theatre. Admission is free. For more information call the Dance Department at (714) 564-5641.

EXTREMELY DIVINE ACTOR

More than a year after his scandalous arrest in Los Angeles, English actor Hugh Grant's career is stronger than ever. With the success of "Nine Months" and "Sense and Sensibilities" under his belt, Grant is now starring in a film directed by his supermodel-girlfriend Elizabeth Hurley.

"Extreme Measures" is a thriller surrounding the death of a homeless man found wearing a hospital wristband. Dr. Guy Luthan (Grant) takes notice of the man's bizarre symptoms while working in New York's busiest trauma ward. Luthan begins an investigation unearthing an unethical research program directed by one of the country's most revered doctors - Dr. Lawrence Myrick (Gene Hackman). Luthan must risk everything or give up his moral and ethical standards. Also starring Sarah Jessica Parker, this film is now showing throughout Orange County.

DOES GOD EXIST?

The Reconstructive Gallery will show "Does God Exist?" From Oct. 5 through Oct. 21. This exhibition is an anonymous collaboration of artists dealing with questions regarding the nature of reality, the foundations of knowledge, and the concept of morality.

Conflicting theories and issues will be compared. Come, explore — and bring an open mind!

Reception: Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. The Reconstructive Gallery 3303 W. Warner Ave., Santa Ana, for more info call: (714) 436-0909.

WHAT'S IN A FRANK

Seattle cartoonist Jim Woodring delivered his much anticipated comic book last month; devoted entirely to the lovable, sympathetic, pseudo cat-man "Frank." Woodring draws heavily from his dreams to create his wordless fables of human frailty. Frank, like most people, falls prey to his curiosity, greed, and kindness as he walks through an alternative other-world. Available at most comic shops, call for a free catalogue for this and other great comics from Fantagraphics Books at (800) 657-1100.



STAFF EDITORIALS

Can Politicians buy your vote?

Last month, Senate Democrats proposed legislation to increase student-aid funding by \$3.1 billion. Republicans offered a \$2.3 billion in response. Both proposals fell short of the president's proposed increase.

When the dust settled, Congress increased spending by \$3.3 billion, \$100 million above everybody's expectations.

Last year's temporary shutdowns of the federal government were a result of political infighting over the budget. They didn't have any problem sending people home without pay at the time. So where did the inspirational change of heart come from? Did it stem from a noble desire to improve education in America? ... We don't think so.

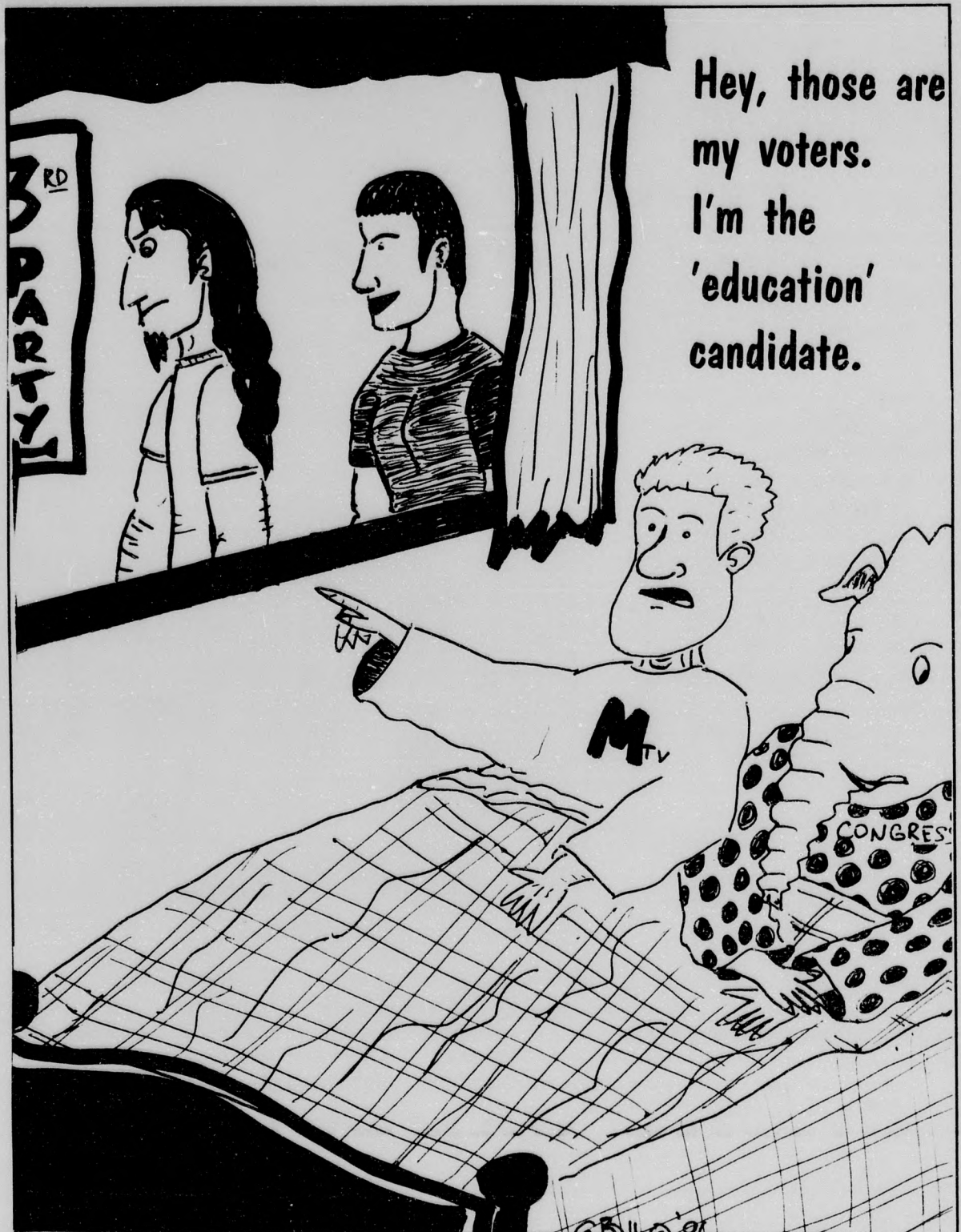
Could it possibly have something to do with the upcoming elections? Every couple of years these "representatives" of ours in Washington get rather chummy with everybody. Coincidentally ... or not, this always seems to happen around election time.

This year the democrats and the republicans are fighting for the right to be called "the Education Party," like two teenage boys fighting over the prettiest girl at the dance.

The question that needs to be asked is, where were you guys last year?

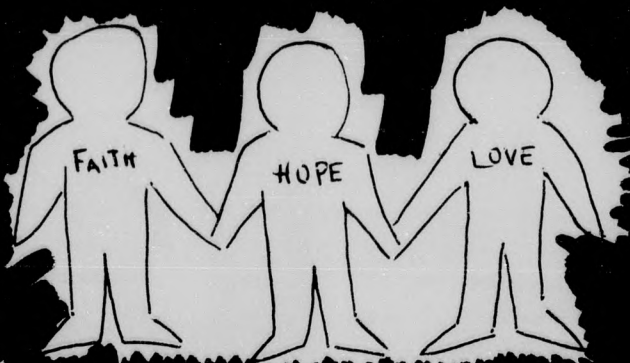
We would like to think that the intention of our founding fathers was, that our representatives were to protect our interests at all times, not just when they were worried about reelection.

Public education is at the cornerstone of the American Dream. In order to protect this dream we need impress upon our elected servants the fact that we will no longer tolerate this on-again off-again election time love affair. The only way to make a politician listen is to vote.



Whatsoever things are true,
whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are just,
whatsoever things are pure,
whatsoever things are lovely,
whatsoever things are of good report;
if there be any virtue
and if there be any praise,
think of these things.

Philippians 4:8



Honor the way in which they lived

Everyday we are confronted with the harsh realities of our world. It is impossible to pick up a newspaper or watch television without a graphic example of the darker side of human nature.

For the most part we try to distance ourselves from these occurrences, not wanting to acknowledge the reality of such abhorrent behavior. Last week sadly, was one of these times.

The deaths of Steven Bates, John Lara III and Joshua Turville struck close to the heart of the Rancho Santiago family. Most profoundly affected in our "family" was Richard Bates, a well liked professor of biology at the Santa Ana campus. We can only offer our deepest sympathy to Professor Bates, his family and the families of John and Joshua.

It would be both fitting and proper that these young men be remembered not for the way they died, but for the way they lived. Their faith, hope and love for others helped them to look past the evil in this world, to find the goodness in their fellow man. Qualities that are sorely lacking in today's world. May their souls find the same peace they showed others.

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Sports

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Turning the corner ...



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Sophomore Jermaine Gray (18) breaks free for a first down. The Dons lost to Long Beach 31-26 last week.

Rancho expects big win

Dons hope to erase 0 from October against San Diego Mesa tomorrow

By Don Dixon
el Don Sports Editor

After losing their first two games, the Dons face 0-2 San Diego Mesa tomorrow and head coaches for both teams are confident of a Rancho win.

RSC is 0-2, but they lost to two very good football teams, said Mesa's Head Coach Dave Fager.

"Rancho does so many things with so many sets it's difficult to picture us having any real match-ups with them," Fager said. "They have very good diversification on their offense."

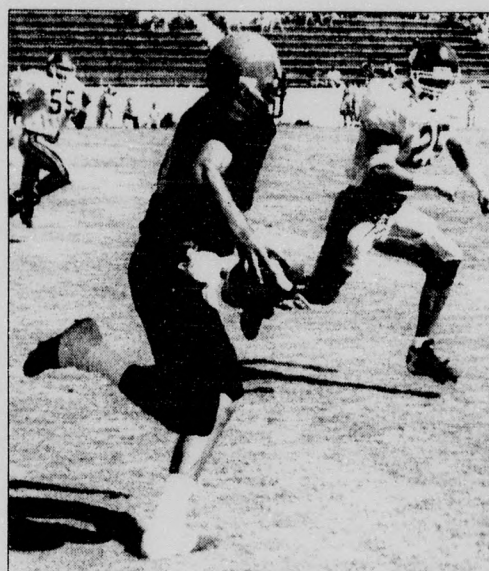
"We don't have any players who stand out as the best in Southern California by any means," Fager said. "We're doing

terrible this year."

Rancho's Head Coach Dave Ogas is more optimistic about his own team. "We're 0-2, but the teams we've lost to are undefeated and have run up some big scores against the other teams they've played," Ogas said, "so it makes us look better. We really had a chance to win both games."

The Dons rallied late in their most recent game against the defending national champions--the Long Beach City Vikings. Coming from behind 31-7 at the half, RSC scored 19 points. But, hopes of a victory were crushed when the Dons were caught in Viking territory during the last plays of the game.

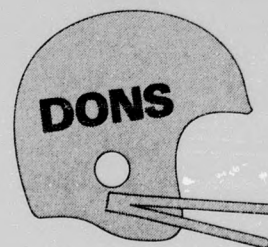
"It was disappointing falling behind 31-7 and the team could have thrown it in at that point," Ogas said. "But we came back and had a chance to beat the national champs. That made us feel a little better. The kids are hungry and we had a good off-week of practice."



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Quarterback Mark Fausto finds an open receiver before being pushed out of bounds. Fausto leads the team completing 32 of 66 passes for 343 yards with three touchdowns and one interception this season.

OFFENSE



TEAM STATS - SEASON

	OPP	RSC
POINTS	53	35
FIRST DOWNS	31	38
▼RUSHING	14	12
▼PASSING	16	21
▼PENALTY	1	5
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	61	72
▼YARDS GAINED	409	249
▼YARDS LOST	55	82
▼NET YARDS	354	167
NET YARDS PASSING	387	456
▼ATTEMPTS	56	80
▼COMPLETIONS	31	40
▼INTERCEPTED	1	2
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	152	117
TOTAL NET YARDS	732	623
▼AVG. GAIN PER PLAY	6.3	4.1
PUNTS/YARDS	9/382	12/487
INTERCEPTIONS/YARDS	2/59	1/0
KICKOFF RETURNS/YARDS	6/94	11/140
PUNT RETURNS/YARDS	7/27	3/23
PENALTIES/YARDS	23/213	15/135
FUMBLES/LOST	4/4	5/2
TIMES OF POSSESSION	52:24	67:36
THIRD-DOWN CONVERSION	3/19	10/30

SCORE BY QUARTERS

OPPONENTS	22	17	3	11--53
RSC	7	0	20	8--35

INDIVIDUAL STATS

TOTAL OFFENSE

#	Player	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	YDS
4	M. Fausto	85	19	343	362
12	Mitchell	17	-7	113	113

SCORING

#	Player	GP	TD	PTS
4	M. Fausto	2	3	18
2	Daniels	2	2	12
5	Arguello	2	(FG-2)	9
12	Mitchell	1	1	6
40	Schley	1	1	6
1	Ogas	2	1	6

RUSHING

#	Player	YDS	AVG	POS
18	Gray	93	3.6	RB
4	M. Fausto	19	1	QB
10	G. Fausto	12	1.2	RB
13	Robinson	34	3.8	RB
81	Williams	14	14	WR
35	Cureton	2	1	RB

RECEIVING

#	Player	REC	YDS	YPR	TD
1	Ogas	13	157	12.1	1
2	Daniels	11	162	14.7	2
84	Fisher	6	48	8.0	0
21	Parrott	4	21	5.3	0
10	G. Fausto	4	41	10.3	0
40	Schley	1	6	6.0	1

Gametime 6 p.m. at San Diego Mesa

Injuries force Dons to forfeit tourney

◆ Volleyball team plagued by small numbers

By Bruce Shorts
el Don Staff Writer

Coach Fran Cummings is determined to pull her Lady Dons volleyball team together after being forced to forfeit a tournament that RSC hosted.

Although it is early in the season, Cummings has had a tough time keeping the mandatory six starting players on the floor.

So far, the team has consisted of

no more than eight players at any one time. "Five players quit the team because of school conflict or work schedules," Cummings said.

Several women who tried out for the team, found it was too much work and didn't want to be bothered with it, she said.

Cummings had counted on three basketball players to transfer to Rancho from an out of state community college, but the students were prevented from enrolling because of residency status and non-transferrable credits. That would have completed the team.

The shortage of players was evi-

dent Saturday when the Lady Dons forfeited the ASICS preview tournament. With two players injured, the Dons only had five players on the court. Because six players are required to make a team, the Dons had to forfeit the match.

They lost the first game to El Camino 10-15. Amy Napier was injured in the first game, unable to continue.

Anna Reza also injured her ankle in the first game, but stayed in the match to help the Dons eek out a 15-13 victory in the second game. Reza re-injured her ankle in the third game, causing the Dons to for-

feit the match. Long Beach City College won the tournament after defeating Cerritos College 15-10 in the championship game.

"The Dons need to double their recruiting efforts and find young women who really want to play volleyball," Cummings said.

The players met Monday and re-committed themselves to reviving the team. "Every player will show up for all the games and practices on time and learn how to play as a unit, not as separate individuals on the floor," Cummings said.

Conference play begins Oct. 9 against Orange Coast College.

Soccer battles Yavapai in Las Vegas tomorrow

Defending state soccer champion Dons moved their record to 5-0-1 last week, with two big wins.

Saturday, the Dons defeated Santa Barbara, 1-0, in a rematch of last season's state championship semi-final game. Monday, they beat Glendale College, 2-1.

This Saturday, the Dons travel to Henderson, Nevada to battle one of the top teams in the country, Yavapai College. Earlier in the season, Yavapai defeated Orange Coast College, 10-0.

Women's Soccer fell to a 4-4 record with a 5-1 loss to Palomar on Friday. The Lady Dons next match will be against Cal State Long Beach on Friday, Oct. 11.

-Theresa Hudzinski

WRESTLING

RETURN OF THE BEST

Veteran
wrestlers
lead Rancho
to 7-1 recordBy Don Dixon
el Don Sports Editor

The Dons wrestling squad continues to slam their competition into the mats, flooring East Los Angeles College Wednesday night 42-3.

Wednesday's win was welcomed by the Dons after taking second in the Modesto Duals on Sept. 21. Rancho locked their first three competitors in tight holds for wins: Gavilan 39-5, Diablo Valley 33-10, and Sacramento City 34-10.

Fresno broke out of the Dons' grip as they defeated Rancho 21-13 and took first place overall in the competition.

The Dons opened their season with a first place finish at the Bakersfield Duals Sept. 14. They pinned down three schools for the victory: Mount Sac 32-10, Bakersfield 31-12, and Modesto 28-10.

"This is the best team we've had in the six years I've been here," said Coach Frank Gonzales. "We have a strong contingent of returning veterans. We only lost one guy from last year. We've had a really strong recruiting year too."

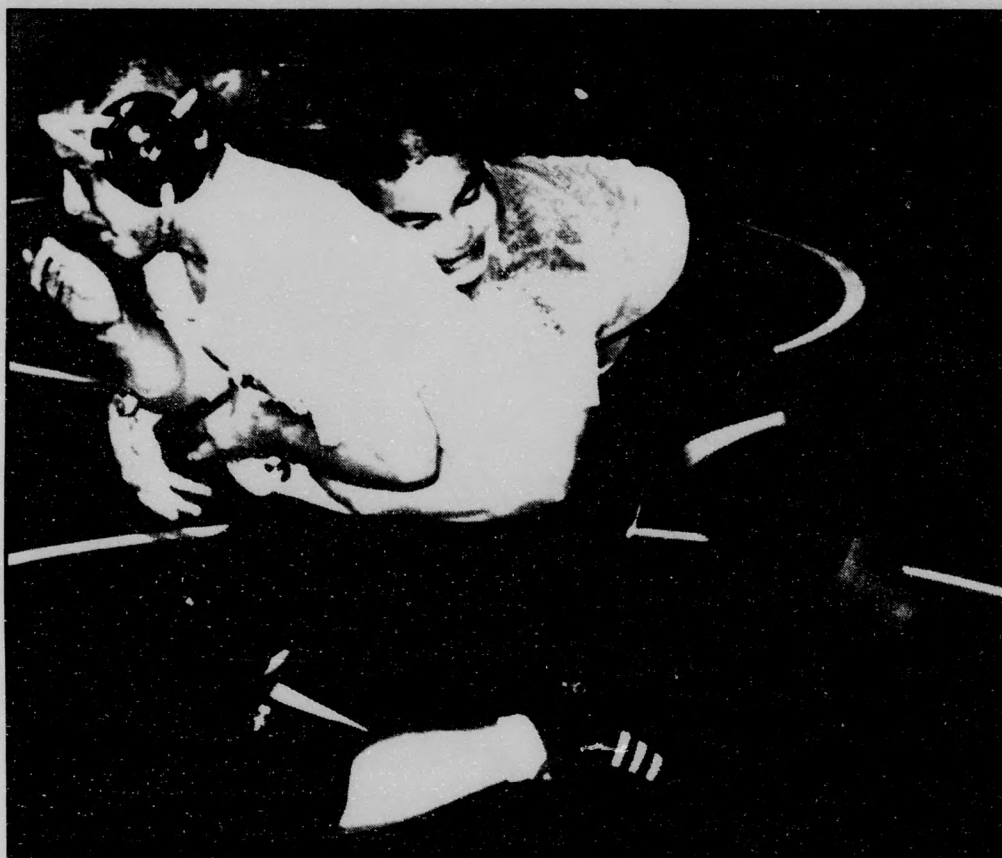
One of the returning wrestlers is Alfredo Fausto, last year's state champion in the 142 lb. division.

Fausto is wrestling at 150lbs., this year. He was the squad's only undefeated wrestler prior to Wednesday's upset.

Ishmael Abdullah is returning from a fifth place finish at last year's state championships. In his first competition of the season, he dominated his East Los Angeles opponent 10-2.

Abdullah is also starting at strong safety on this year's football team. Abdullah is competing in two sports whose schedules often conflict with each other.

"Dave Ogas (head football coach) and I try to work out what's best for Ishmael," Gonzales said. "He's a good enough athlete

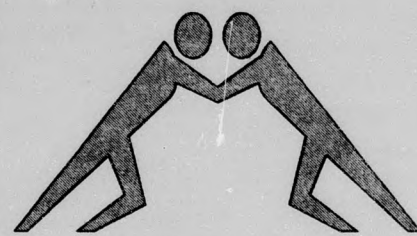


ABOVE: Carlos Miranda, who wrestles at 190lbs., overpowers a teammate. Miranda won his match Wednesday. BELOW: Alfredo Fausto, 150lbs., works through a hold-and-escape technique during practice this week.



Photos by Armando Mugica / el Don
RSC's Ishmael Abdullah is also a strong safety for the football team. that he can show up to wrestling practice two times a week and still compete in a seven minute match; not too many guys could do that."

The Dons finished last year with a 10-6 record and finished third in the Orange Empire Conference.



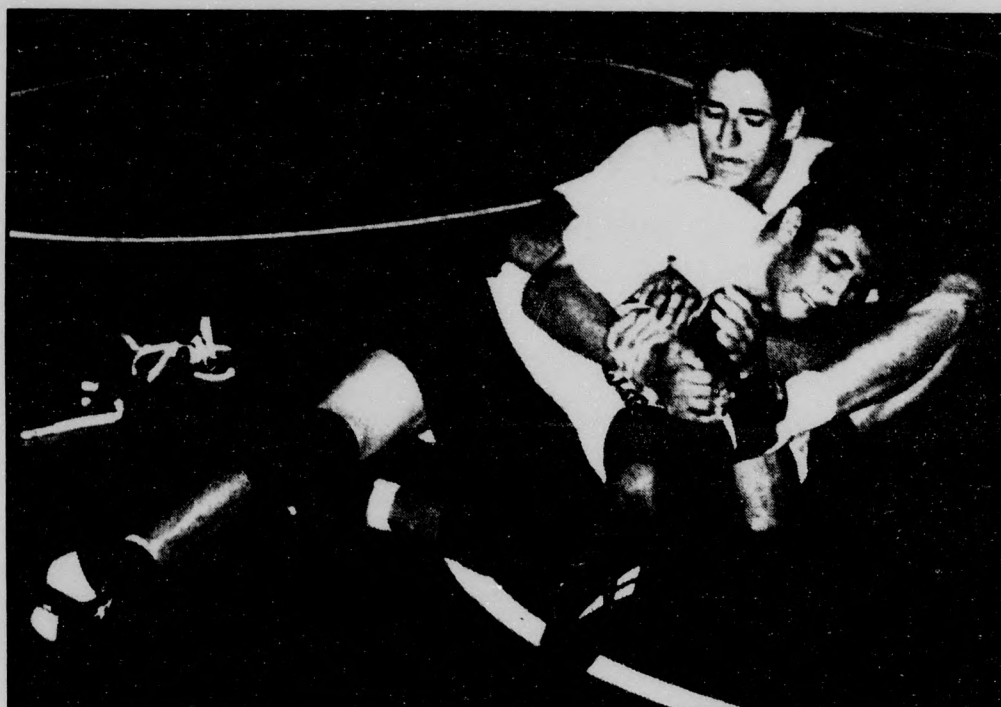
SCHEDULE

Oct. 9	Victor Valley	All Day
Oct. 16	Cerritos	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	W. Valley Tourney	All Day
Oct. 23	San Bernadino Val.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Palomar Duals	All Day
Oct. 30	Golden West	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Palomar	7:30p.m.
Nov. 9	Cal Poly Tourney	All Day
Nov. 13	Mt. San Antonio	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	State Dual Champs	TBA
Nov. 23	S. Regional Playoffs	AllDay
Dec. 6,7	State Finals	TBA

BOLD DENOTES HOME MATCH

Results from Wed. Night's Match

RSC 42, East Los Angeles 3
118-Delazo(R) won by forfeit; 126-Orellano (R) won by forfeit; 134-Valencia (R) d. Ho, 16-6; 142-Camacho (R) d. Vargas, 11-4; 150-Burmet (E) d. Fausto, 10-8; 158-Wozniak (R) d. Valdes, 16-0; 167-Meier (R) d. Granillo, 19-6; 177-Abdullah (R) d. Green 10-2; 190-Miranda (R) d. Estes, 28-14; HWT-Gomez (R) p. Garcia, 2:12.
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